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FROM THE DESK OF CONGRESSMAN ROB WOODALL

OUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER...

My next Town Hall Meeting will be in Gwinnett County at Brookwood High School in Snellville, on Thursday, June 14, from 7:00PM – 8:00PM. This will be a great time for us to come together and discuss the issues that are on your minds.

Gwinnett County Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 2012

7:00PM – 8:00PM

Brookwood High School

1255 Dogwood Road

Snellville, GA 30078

Please feel free to [contact me](#) with any questions. I hope to see you there!

APPROPRIATIONS

This week, Congress considered two more Appropriations bills: the “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill” and the “Homeland Security Appropriations Bill.” Both of these bills come in far below the President’s suggested spending levels and both came to the House Floor under an open debate process, meaning anyone who wants to change the legislation whether a freshman or a senior member, whether a Republican or a Democrat is allowed offer amendments and request votes on the House floor.

We have seen the damage done when Congress bundles giant legislative packages together and rams them through the House and Senate Chambers. I am proud that the 112th Congress is choosing a different course and allowing open debate and amendments often. We must maintain an open process and allow the House to work its will, and I remain committed to ensuring it.

You can read more about this week's appropriations bills by visiting the House Appropriations Committee website [here](#).

NO PAIN NO GAIN

The CBO released a new [report](#) this week on the nation’s fiscal trajectory. The report underscores the negative impact that high deficits and growing debt will have on our

nation's economy if Congress does not make some tough choices.

The CBO report echoed what we already know to be true: we must not delay solutions to our fiscal problems. However, the report also highlighted how much tougher the choices are today due to borrow-and-spend policies of the past and the current delays (i.e. the Senate hasn't passed its own budget solution in over three years). We must face the truth: damage has been done, but further delay will exacerbate it. That is why I fight for each positive solution, no matter how large or small. I don't expect the Senate or the President to agree with you and me on everything. However, I do expect both to keep trying. Three yards and a cloud of dust—not a “Hail Mary”—is how we'll get across the goal line for America. It isn't easy, but it is essential to do.

We must not make the same mistakes as Europe—and I believe slowly but surely those who have been in denial about the state of our nation's fiscal affairs are coming around to see the truth. I believe together—through principled, sustainable solutions—we can put our broken economy back together. We are America; we know what it takes to build a better future for ourselves and for future generations. Sweat and sacrifice. These have always been key ingredients in America's success, and they continue to be essential today.

Thank you for joining me on this important quest to preserve America's future.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress

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